In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A monoclonal antibody against a fusion polypeptide comprising a histidine portion, wherein said antibody ~~is directed against~~ binds specifically to said histidine portion but not to the non-histidine portion of the fusion polypeptide, and wherein said histidine portion comprises 6-18 successive histidine residues.

2. (Currently Amended) The monoclonal antibody of claim 1, wherein ~~said antibody is a polyclonal antibody~~ said histidine portion comprises 6 successive histidine residues.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the polyclonal antibody of claim 2, comprising:

(a) immunizing an animal with a histidine fusion polypeptide; and

(b) collecting said polyclonal antibody from the serum of said animal.

6. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 5, wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.

7. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting a fusion polypeptide having a histidine portion, comprising:

(a) incubating said polypeptide with the antibody of Claim 1, 2, 3, or 4; and

(b) detecting the antibody in a detection reaction.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the detection reaction is selected from the group consisting of Western blot, ELISA, immunofluorescence, and immunopreciptation.

9. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the monoclonal antibody of claim 3, comprising;

(a) immunizing an animal with a histidine fusion polypeptide;

(b) fusing the animal's spleen cells with myeloma cells to generate hybridoma cells; and

(c) obtaining said monoclonal antibody form said hybridoma cells.

10. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 9, wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.